

KATZ -- 09/831,049
Client/Matter: 060258-0278027



REMARKS

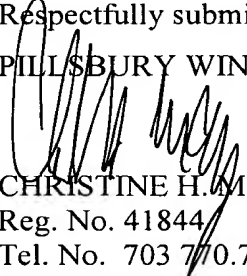
By this Amendment, the rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering their rejection moot. Additionally, the Abstract has been amended. Allowable claims 4-7, 12-15, 22-23, 25 and 26 remain pending.

Accordingly, Applicant requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance indicating the allowability of all pending claims. However, if anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner telephone Applicant's undersigned representative.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

PILLSBURY WINTHROP SHAW PITTMAN LLP


CHRISTINE H. MCCARTHY

Reg. No. 41844

Tel. No. 703 770.7743

Fax No. 703 770.7901

Date: January 20, 2006
P.O. Box 10500
McLean, VA 22102
(703) 770-7900